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For: System and Method for Structure-based Drug Design That Includes Accurate Prediction of Binding Free Energy

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner:

Applicants and their attorney are aware of the following publications and information listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 hereby submit these publications for the Examiner's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the (5) documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies of these documents are provided herein. One of the five documents listed (WO 95/06293) appears on the Supplementary European Search Report from a related European patent application. For your convenience, a copy of the Supplementary Search Report is enclosed. In addition, Applicants are providing "copies" of Forms PTO-1449 and Notice of References Cited from related application, U.S. Serial No. 09/220,363.

The (62) references listed on the enclosed "copies" of Forms PTO-1449 and Notice of References Cited have been cited in related applications, U.S. Serial Nos. 09/220,363 and 08/ 741,866 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,854,992). Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), no copies of the previously cited art are being enclosed. This application is a continuation of 09/220,363, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/741,866.

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It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Forms PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material to patentability or that the listed documents are prior art. If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

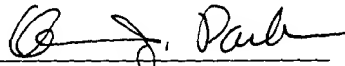
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The Commissioner, however, is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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